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SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF ZAIRIANS FROM ZAMBIA.

1. IN AUGUST ZAMBIAN AUTHORITIES BEGAN EXPULSION OF ZAIRIANS WORKING AND LIVING IN ZAMBIA. AS RESULT ZAIRE ASKED TO DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM IN AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF ZAIRIAN-ZAMBIAN JOINT COMMISSION WHICH MET AUGUST 27-29. DESPITE ZAIRIAN CLAIMS THAT CITIZENS OF EACH COUNTRY HAD SPECIAL RIGHTS DUE TO LONG TRADITION OF CROSS BORDER MOVEMENT, COMMISSION DEFERRED MOST QUESTIONS TO NEXT REGULAR SESSION IN OCTOBER.

2. COMMENT: UNTIL NOW, ZAMBIA PROVIDED ESCAPE VALVE FOR ZAIRIAN UNEMPLOYED IN SHABA WHO COULD USUALLY FIND BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS IN ZAMBIA. TIGHTENING OF BORDER CONTROL BY ZAMBIA MAY COMPOUND MOBUTU'S PROBLEMS IN SHABA REGION AS ECONOMIC CONDITIONS DETERIORATE. MOBUTU IS TO MEET KAUNDA LATER THIS MONTH IN BOTSWANA AND MAY USE OCCASION TO RAISE PROBLEM PERSONALLY.
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